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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-13,15-17,21 and 35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-13,15-17,21 and 35 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The newly amended claims present a shift to the originally elected invention. The Office generally does not permit a shift. See MPEP § 819 & 37 CFR 1.111. During the interview of December 17, 2004, applicant's representative inquired whether they could amend the claims to a subject matter that would be supported by the declaration of Timothy Brazelton. Solely for the purpose of serving applicants, the Examiner indicated then that she would consider prosecuting such amendment in an RCE application. However, the claims currently submitted encompass multiple inventions, thus further election/restriction is necessary and appears below.

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S. C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1, 4-13, 15-17, 21 are drawn to a method for treating a neuronal deficiency caused by Parkinson's disease comprising administering bone marrow-derived cells to an individual in need thereof. Classified in class 424, subclass 93.1, and 93.21.
 - II. Claims 1, 4-13, 15-17, 21, and 35 are drawn to a method for treating a neuronal deficiency caused by a vascular disease comprising administering bone marrow-derived cells to an individual in need thereof. Classified in class 424, subclass 93.1, and 93.21.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons.

Inventions II and I are independent and distinct inventions. Inventions are distinct if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case, the different invention is directed to treating different diseases, wherein each disease has its distinct etiology, undergoes different pathological processes, and have different pathophysiological changes. The different methods select for different patients, interfering materially different pathological processes, have different modes of operation, and require distinct technical considerations.

The differences of the Inventions are further underscored by their divergent subject matter and independent search criteria.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter and different search criteria, it would impose an undue burden to the Office if all the groups are examined together, thus, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

3. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

I. Group II encompasses different types of vascular diseases as listed in the paragraph bridging pages 22-23 of the specification.

II. Both groups II and I are drawn to using various neuronal factors in conjunction with the cells, such as those recited in claim 9.

Upon election of an invention for examination in this application, further election of a species is necessary. If invention group II is elected, the applicant is required to elect one component from each of the two species listed above, which forms a combination of species drawn to a method for treating a neuronal deficiency caused by a particular vascular disease using BM cells in conjunction with a particular neuronal factor.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed (or combination of) species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claims 1, 4-13, 15-17, 21 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

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Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is advised that where a single claim encompasses more than one invention as defined above, upon election of an invention for examination, said claim will only be examined to the extent that it reads upon the elected invention.

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Q. Janice Li** whose telephone number is 571-272-0730.

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The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except every other Wednesday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Dave T. Nguyen** can be reached on 571-272-0731. The fax numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are **571-273-8300**.

Any inquiry of formal matters can be directed to the patent analyst, **Dianiece Jacobs**, whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to (571) 272-0547.

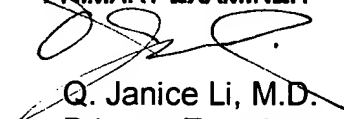
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